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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY REACTOR FOR EGYPT

1. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER SULTAN, WHO IS HAVING A SECOND OPERATION IN LONDON, DR. ABAZA, FIRST UNDER SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TODAY TO PROVIDE A COPY OF A THIRD GOE NOTE TO AEC, DATED NOVEMBER 2, SETTING FORTH THE EGYPTIAN REPLIES TO POINTS RAISED EARLIER BY AEC WITH DR. EL-GUEBEILY. ORIGINAL HAS BEEN SENT TO GHORBAL FOR DELIVERY TO AEC. COPY HAS BEEN SENT TO FONMIN FAHMY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF TWO UNSETTLED POINTS. WE WILL POUCH COPY TO DEPT FOR ITS INFO.

2. NOTE CITES (A) POINTS SETTLED AND AGREED UPON:

B) POINTS AGREED UPON WITH INTERPRETIVE UNDERSTANDINGS;

C) POINTS AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE BUT STILL REQUIRING CHANGES IN DETAIL, AND

D) POINTS REQUIRING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

INCLUDED IN (D) IS A REITERATION OF GOE POSITION THAT SAFEGUARDS BE APPLIED NOT ONLY TO FUTURE TRANSFERS OF MATERIELS AND EQUIPMENT TO MIDDLE EAST AREA, BUT ALSO TO THOSE ALREADY IN TH AREA. DIMONA REACTOR NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, BUT CLEARLY REMAINS MAJOR SOURCE OF CONCERN TO EGYPTIANS.

3. ABAZA ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT AT FRENCH EMBASSY DINNER TWO EVENINGS AGO, FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED ABOUT  
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STATUS OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TALKS WITH USG. FRENCH AMBASSADOR

RECALLED HIS GOVERNMENT HAD EARLIER PROVIDED A REACTOR TO "ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS" AND REGRETTED THE FACT THAT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS HAD NOT BEEN DEMANDED. ABAZA AND OTHER EGYPTIAN GUESTS HAD ECHOED THIS REGRET. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD HINTED HIS GOVT MIGHT BE WILLING TO ASSIST GOE IN ACQUIRING NUCLEAR REACTOR. ABAZA CLAIMED HE HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THE HINT.

4. ABAZA AGAIN MENTIONED MINISTER SULTAN'S DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY. HE ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT SADAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO SIGN NECESSARY AGREEMENT DURING THE PRESIDENT'S EXPECTED VISIT TO THE US IN LATE JANUARY 1975. AMBASSADOR REMINDED ABAZA OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE AND OF THE NEED FOR CONCURRENT MOVEMENT ON BOTH THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI AGREEMENTS. EBAZA ASKED WHAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE. EILTS

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